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**IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE.**

IN RE APPLICATION OF:  
Nelson, et al.

SERIAL NO.: 09/826,127

FILED: April 4, 2001

TITLE: VISCOSITY REDUCTION OF  
VISCOELASTIC SURFACTANT BASED  
FLUIDS

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EXAMINER: Tucker P,

**RESPONSE TO OFFICE ACTION MAILED OCTOBER 10, 2002**

Assistant Commissioner for Patents  
Washington, D.C. 20231

Sir:

**Status of the application**

Claims 1-26, 29, 33-35 and 37-50 are pending in the application. Claims 1-26, 29, 33-35, 37, 38 and 42-50 are allowed. Claims 39 and 40 were rejected under 102(e) as being anticipated by Chang (6399546). Claims 41 was objected to as dependent upon a rejected case but otherwise allowable.

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